

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A biocompatible meniscal repair device, comprising;
a biocompatible tissue repair scaffold adapted to be placed in contact with a defect in a meniscus, wherein the scaffold comprises a dry laid nonwoven polymeric material, the dry laid nonwoven polymeric material having a density in the range of about 120 mg/cc to 360 mg/cc, and wherein the scaffold has an initial modulus of elasticity greater than about 1.5 MPa and an initial suture pull-out strength greater than about 6 N, and wherein viable tissue is disposed on the tissue repair scaffold, the viable tissue having viable cells capable of integrating with native tissue adjacent to the tissue repair scaffold.
2. (Previously Presented) The repair device of claim 1, wherein the tissue repair scaffold has an initial peak stress greater than about 2 MPa.
3. (Previously Presented) The repair device of claim 1, wherein the tissue repair scaffold has an initial suture pull-out strength less than about 45 N.
4. (Previously Presented) The repair device of claim 1, wherein the tissue repair scaffold has an initial modulus of elasticity less than about 40 MPa.
5. (Original) The repair device of claim 1, wherein the tissue repair scaffold has a thickness in the range of about 0.5 mm to 1.5 mm.
6. (Original) The repair device of claim 1, wherein the tissue repair scaffold further comprises a biocompatible foam material joined to the nonwoven polymeric material.
7. (Original) The repair device of claim 1, the nonwoven polymeric material comprises a synthetic polymer.
8. (Original) The repair device of claim 1, wherein the tissue repair scaffold is bioabsorbable.
9. (Canceled).